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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: US AND JAPAN EXTEND BILATERAL AGREEMENT
-- FOR ONE YEAR.

1. US AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS INITIALED A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING LATE ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 10 IN SAN
FRANCISCO FOLLOWING NINE DAYS OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN
HONOLULU. MAIN ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT ARE:

-- A. PROVISIONS OF OLD BILATERAL WHICH WERE IN EFFECT
DECEMBER 31, 1977 ARE EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31, 1978 WITH
CERTAIN AMENDMENTS.

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-- B. SUB-PARAGRAPH 2(3) (I) OF CONSULTATION MECHANISM
WILL BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THE BASIC PERIOD TO WHICH THE
130 PERCENT APPLIES. THE JAPANESE DELEGATION AGREED THAT
THIS SHOULD BE THE FIRST TWELVE OF THE LAST 14 MONTHS
PRECEDING THE MONTH IN WHICH THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS
IS MADE; I.E., IF A CALL IS MADE IN MARCH, THE RELEVANT
PERIOD WOULD BE THE YEAR ENDING THE PREVIOUS DECEMBER.

-- C. THE BASIC PERIOD IN SUB-PARAGRAPH (II) SLIDES
FORWARD ONE YEAR AND BECOMES JANUARY 1, 1973 TO DECEMBER
31, 1976.

2. IN ADDITION JAPANESE DELEGATION AGREED IN SUBSTANCE
TO RESTRAIN EXPORTS IN TSUSA NUMBERS 310.5049 (PLIED
ACRYLIC YARN) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1978 TO 11.5 MILLION
POUNDS. THIS AGREEMENT IS EMBODIED IN A LETTER FROM
US DEL (SMITH) TO GOJ DEL (SAKAI). THE JAPANESE ARE
CONSIDERING WHETHER, IN THEIR REPLY TO THIS LETTER, TO
RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS "IN THE
EVENT OF ANYTHING HAPPENING TO NULLIFY THE EFFECT OF
THIS RESTRAINT", (I.E., IF A DUMPING ACTION IS BROUGHT
AGAINST JAPAN IN THIS PRODUCT). US DEL NOTED THAT
GOJ HAS THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR CONSULTATIONS AT ANYTIME,
BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO RECEIVE
SUCH A LETTER, AND EMPHASIZED THAT WE CANNOT LIMIT THE
RIGHT OF A US CITIZEN TO LODGE ANTI-DUMPING ACTIONS. IF
GOJ SHOULD FIND IT NECESSARY TO SEND SUCH A LETTER, WE
WOULD RECEIVE IT WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AND SUCH
RECEIPT WOULD NOT IMPLY ANY COMMITMENT BEYOND AN
AGREEMENT TO CONSULT IF ASKED.

3. DEPARTMENT IS DRAFTING DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO FORMALIZE
AGREEMENT DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE. VANCE
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